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# MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING

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BUSH RIVER CHURCH, APRIL 24—26th, 1852.

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THE Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Boyce, from Acts xx. 24: "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I may finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

The following delegates appeared and were enrolled:

*The Charleston Association*—M. T. Mendenhall, J. P. Boyce, B. C. Pressley, A. J. Burke.

*The Savannah River Association*—I. C. Brooks, I. Nicholes, H. A. Duncan.

*The Edgefield Association*—W. B. Johnson, W. P. Hill, Z. Watkins, B. F. Corley.

*The Welsh Neck Association*—R. Furman, J. Culpeper, R. G. Edwards, J. M. Timmons.

*The Salem Association*—J. C. Furman, L. C. Hinton, A. Hill.

*The Tyger River Association*—P. C. Edwards, T. T. Hopkins, J. G. Landrum.

*The Moriah Association*—

*The Reedy River Association*—B. F. Griffin, N. Whitmire, H. W. Paslay.

*The Saluda Association*—A. Rice, B. F. Mauldin.

*The Charleston Female Missionary and Education Society*—B. C. Pressley, M. T. Mendenhall.

*The Broad River Society in Aid of the Spread of the Gospel*—T. Curtis.

*The Edisto*—W. Brooker.

*The Newberry Baptist Church*—J. J. Brantly, J. B. O'Neill, W. H. Harrington.

*The Bethel Association*—W. W. Guinn.

1. The Pastor and Deacons of Bush River Church, and brethren R. G. Edwards and B. C. Pressley, were appointed a Committee on Preaching.

2. A Committee on Accounts was appointed, to consist of B. F. Griffin, W. H. Harrington, A. J. Burke, B. F. Mauldin, N. Whitmire.



3. The following brethren were appointed a committee on the time and place of the next Meeting, and the persons to perform the stated services, viz.: 1. L. Brooks, J. P. Boyce, W. P. Hill, R. Furman, A. Rice.

4. The committee appointed at Society Hill, to report on the form of transfer from the Convention to the Board of Trustees of Furman University of the cash bonds given for the endowment of Furman University, submitted a report, which, after some discussion, was recommitted; the President being authorized to fill vacancies, and the committee being instructed to report upon the transfer of the funds of the Theological Institution to the Board of the University with proper designation, Judge O'Neill and B. C. Pressley, Esq. were appointed to fill the vacancies.

5. The Secretary was instructed to publish the minutes of this Meeting along with those of the next annual Meeting, and to furnish an abstract for publication in *The Southern Baptist*.

6. On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the number of the Trustees be increased to thirty, and that thirty be the limit of the number. W. P. Hill, J. B. O'Neill, and Z. Watkins, were appointed to nominate suitable persons to be elected as members under this resolution.

7. Adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on Monday. Prayer by Judge O'Neill.

**LORD'S DAY.**—The Charity Sermon was preached by J. C. Furman, from the 3d epistle John, 8th verse: "We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth." The Rev. Dr. Curtis preached from Rom. viii. 12: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

The Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. Dr. Johnson and the Rev. I. L. Brooks.

#### MONDAY.

8. The Convention met—prayer by Prof. Edwards.

9. The committee on the time and place of next Meeting submitted a resolution, which, after having been considered and amended, was adopted, as follows: *Resolved*, That the next meeting of this body be held at Greenville, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in June, 1853; the Rev. J. J. Brantly to preach the Introductory Sermon, the Rev.

W. W. Guinn his alternate; the Rev. E. T. Winkler to preach the Charity Sermon, the Rev. J. O. B. Dargan his alternate.

10. The committee on the nomination of five additional members of the Board of Trustees, submitted the following names, viz.: H. W. Paslay, C. J. Elford, Thos. B. Roberts, B. C. Pressley, J. G. Landrum. Whereupon these gentlemen were elected members of the Board.

11. The Secretary was instructed to inform the newly elected members of their election.

12. On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Professors be requested to arrange for a public exhibition on Monday preceding the vacation; and that the members of the Board of Trustees and of the Convention be requested, if convenient, to attend.

13. The Committee on Accounts submitted the following Report:

"The Committee on Accounts have conferred with the Agent of Furman University and the Treasurer of the Convention, and respectfully report—That of the \$70,000 obtained and secured by pledges at the session of the Convention in November last, \$15,000 were in pledges by individuals who were to pay the respective amounts annexed to their names only in the event of the failure of the Agents to obtain the said sum of \$15,000: that though the Agents have obtained in cash and bonds \$3,700 since the meeting of the Convention, that will not increase the aggregate sum for the endowment of the University, but this is in discharge *pro tanto* of the \$15,000 pledged.

Thus the endowment for Furman University will be \$70,000, payable in three equal annual instalments, that is, \$23,333 33 each, of which the first was due the 1st January last; of which sum between 5 and 6 thousand dollars have been collected, leaving about \$18,000 of said instalment due and to be collected.

By the action of the last session of the Convention, \$8,000 were appropriated for the erection of two houses for Professors, and the Convention is informed by the Executive Agent that one house is in progress of erection. Assuming that to cost \$4,070, there will be a balance of \$19,333 33 of the first instalment applicable to the erection of University buildings, or otherwise, as the Convention may direct.

As regards the amount of the \$15,000 for which pledges were given at the last meeting of the Convention, we recommend that bonds be obtained to secure the payment of all amounts that have not been paid or secured.

We have received by the hands of Bro. W. W. Guinn \$40 for Foreign Missions. The collection taken up on Sunday amounted to \$47 25. All of which is respectfully submitted.  
B. F. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*"

The report was concurred in, and the collection made on Sunday ordered to be divided between Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, and Education.

14. On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention be requested to examine the amounts made up respectively upon their guaranties, by those who guarantied the \$15,000 to make up the \$70,000, as stated in section 17 of the Minutes of November, 1851; and that bonds be taken for the amounts yet due, either through their failure to make up the amounts placed opposite to their names, or that of the Agent to procure the whole amount due.

15. The following resolutions were offered by Judge O'Neill, and passed:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convention that the Board of Trustees of Furman University are invested with full power to exercise all the rights and duties heretofore exercised by the Board of Trustees of the Furman Institution; and that it was the manifest intent of the Convention, in applying for an Act of Incorporation for the University, that the Theological Institution should become a department in the University, and that all the rights, honors, and duties of the old Board, should be vested in and exercised by the Board of the University.

*2dly Resolved*, That until final action shall be taken by the Convention upon the transfer of its funds to the Furman University, the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to draw from any of the funds of the Convention such sums as they may deem necessary to the arrangements incident to the organization of the University, and that the Convention hereby requests the said Board to proceed to such organization as soon as practicable.

16. The Treasurer of the Convention informed the body "that in discharge of his official duty, on conference with brethren, he had deemed it expedient to take a title to a house and lot in Society street, in Charleston, to the Convention, as a security for a portion of the funds of the Convention: that he has, in pursuance of the above named purpose, contracted to sell said house and lot, and as the authority of the Convention is necessary to consummate said sale, he requested that action might be taken accordingly." Whereupon it was



resolved, that the Treasurer have leave to sell, and that the President be authorized to execute a deed of sale.

17. On motion, the resolutions adopted last year, and making certain changes in the constitution of the Convention, were rescinded. It was then *resolved*, that a Special Committee be appointed to consider and report upon a plan for the enlargement of the operations of the Convention; and Rev. J. R. Kendrick, Dr. Mendenhall, and B. C. Pressley, Esq., were appointed the Committee.

18. It was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer make a re-transfer to the Female Missionary and Education Society of the First Baptist Church in Charleston, of the whole amount paid to the Convention for the endowment of a scholarship in the Furman Theological Institution, in accordance with article No. 33 and resolution immediately following, in the Minutes of the Convention in November, 1851.

19. *Resolved*, That the Clerks of our several Associations, and the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, be requested to send annually to the Library of the Furman University a copy of their Minutes.

20. A bound volume of the Minutes of the Convention, extending from 1821 to 1834, inclusive, was presented by Judge O'Neill, to be placed in the Library of the University.

21. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed for the very handsome entertainment extended to the members of the Convention during its session. After prayer by  
the Convention adjourned.

W. B. JOHNSON, *President*.

JAMES C. FURMAN, *Secretary*.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH.

THE Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Brantly, from Psalm cxxxiii. 1: "Behold how good, and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity."

1. The Convention was called to order by Rev. Dr. Johnson. The credentials of Delegates having been called for, the following list was made out.

*Charleston Association.*—\*S. Furman, \*J. H. Cuthbert, \*T. Adams, \*J. R. Kendrick, \*A. D. Cohen, J. P. Boyce, \*H. W. Mahoney, \*N. Graham, John Scott, \*Wm. Sanders, \*T. Mason, \*D. Sheppard, \*J. Tupper, \*J. K. Mendenhall, \*W. E. Hughson, E. T. Winkler.

*Edgefield Association.*—\*J. M. Chiles, W. P. Hill, Z. Watkins, \*D. D. Brunson, A. P. Norris, \*J. F. Peterson, R. C. Griffin, \*J. Trapp, \*S. P. Getzen, \*E. Watson, \*J. W. Coleman.

*Savannah River Association.*—\*A. J. Lawton, \*H. D. Duncan, \*R. W. Fuller, \*R. W. Brown, I. L. Brookes, \*H. A. Duncan, \*T. W. Mellichamp, \*J. A. Lawton, J. Nicholes, \*J. M. Baker, \*W. J. Morrall, \*W. T. Sanders, \*W. A. Lawton, \*W. D. Gillison, \*W. Yeomans, \*R. J. Davant, \*J. Jos. Butler.

*Welsh Neck Association.*—R. Furman, \*J. Culpeper, \*J. O. B. Dargan, T. P. Lide, \*G. B. Bealer, R. G. Edwards, \*J. D. Wilson, \*A. E. McIver, \*H. Davis, \*C. Reaves, \*L. P. Rollings, W. Kelly, \*J. H. Blackwell, \*G. W. McIver, \*J. W. Burn, A. P. Lacoste.

*Salem Association.*—L. C. Hinton.

*Tyger River Association*.—J. G. Landrum, C. J. Elford, J. S. Mims, P. C. Edwards, S. Gibson, G. F. Townes, \*H. J. Dean, \*O. E. Edwards, T. P. Brockman, \*J. J. Boyd, H. W. Paslay, \*J. L. Westmoreland, \*W. Goldsmith, T. B. Roberts, \*T. T. Hopkins.

*Moriah Association*.—None present.

*Reedy River Association*.—\*W. B. Boyd, \*R. F. Babb, \*J. C. Vaughn, \*T. Robertson, B. F. Griffin, G. W. Connors, \*J. Harrison, N. Whitmire, R. C. Griffin, W. Philips.

*Saluda Association*.—W. B. Johnson, B. F. Mauldin, A. Rice, \*D. Simmons, J. M. Gambrell, \*A. Acker, \*W. P. Martin, T. J. Earle, V. Young, \*J. P. Reed, \*J. S. Murray.

*Charleston Female Missionary and Education Society*.—R. F. Whilden, J. C. Furman, C. Fintzminger, L. M. Cohen, J. J. Brantly, E. H. Seymour.

*Broad River Society*.—T. Curtis.

*Bethel Association*.—\*C. Felder, \*W. W. Guinn, \*J. L. Norman, \*M. C. Owings.

2. Before the vote for officers was taken, Dr. Johnson expressed an earnest desire to be relieved from performing the duties of presiding officer, and declined a re-election. Upon balloting, Rev. J. C. Furman was elected President of the Convention; Rev. J. G. Landrum, Vice President; and Rev. J. J. Brantly, Secretary.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention met, and was opened with prayer by brother Landrum.

3. Representatives from kindred and allied bodies were, on motion, invited to a seat in the Convention; when Rev. E. T. Winkler, Corresponding Secretary Publication Society; Rev. Mr. Buck, Agent of the Bible Board; and Rev. J. S. Reynoldson, Agent Board Domestic Missions, appeared, and were welcomed.

4. On motion, Rev. Mr. Gaillard, of the Presbyterian Church, was invited to a seat. Ministering, and other brethren not members of the Convention, were also invited to seats: when several appeared, and were welcomed.

5. The committee appointed at the meeting at Society Hill, to effect the transfer of funds from the Convention to

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\* Absent.

the Board of Trustees of Furman University, and to whom the subject was recommitted at the last meeting at Bush River, not appearing when the report was called for, it was

*Resolved 1st*, That all the bonds, notes, cash, and other property, real and personal, now held by the Convention in trust for the Furman University: together with all the bonds, notes, cash, and other property, real and personal, of the Furman Theological Institution, be, and the same are hereby transferred to the Furman University.

*Resolved 2d*, That a committee of three be appointed, to make all necessary arrangements for effecting the legal transfer of the same, with the proper designation; and that the President and Secretary of this Convention be hereby instructed to execute all deeds, or other papers, requisite for the legal conveyance of the said property to the Furman University.

Committee under 2d resolution consisted of G. F. Townes, C. J. Elford, R. G. Edwards.

6. It was *resolved*, that a committee to report on the decease of Ministers be appointed, and added to the regular committees.

7. It was *resolved*, that a special committee be appointed to report on enlarging the operations of the Convention. The President appointed Dr. Johnson, Prof. Mims, Z. Watkins.

8. The report of the Treasurer was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

9. The following regular committees were then appointed.

*Committee on Preaching*.—The Deacons of the Greenville Church, Z. Watkins, C. J. Elford.

*Committee on time and place of next Meeting, &c.*—J. G. Landrum, N. Whitmire, L. C. Hinton.

*Committee on Accounts*.—A. P. Lacoste, T. P. Brockman, R. G. Edwards.

*On nomination of a Board of Agents*.—J. P. Boyce, G. F. Townes, E. T. Winkler, B. F. Griffin.

*On preparation of a List of Names of Baptist Ministers in South Carolina, and their Post Offices*.—W. P. Hill, H. W. Paslay, J. Nicholes, T. J. Earle.

*On notice of Deceased Ministers*.—Dr. Curtis, Prof. Edwards, R. F. Whilden.

10. Adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock.

SUNDAY.—The Charity Sermon was preached in the morning by Rev. E. T. Winkler, from Mat. xi. 30: "My yoke is



easy, and my burden light." In the afternoon Rev. I. L. Brookes preached, and at night Rev. Mr. Buck.

The pulpits of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches were also occupied throughout the day by members of the Convention.

MONDAY, 10 O'CLOCK.

11. Convention met; after prayer by brother Gibson, the minutes of Saturday were read.

12. The following preamble and resolution were then offered by Prof. Mims, and unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Johnson, who has presided over this body since the death of its first President, has signified his desire to be relieved from the performance of the duties of the office which he has held so long; and whereas, in accordance with this expression of his own desire, the official connexion between himself and this body has been terminated—therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Convention entertain, and do hereby express, a lively sense of the exemplary fidelity with which its late President has filled his office. His readiness to undertake every duty assigned him, his promptness and punctuality in meeting every engagement, the impartiality and urbanity with which he has discharged the duties of the chair, and indeed the whole spirit of his official course evincing a marked instance of conscientious devotion to duty, and of readiness to labor for the public good, entitle him to this special recognition of his claims to be held in the highest regard by the Baptist denomination in South Carolina.

13. The Report of the Committee on Accounts was then submitted, and adopted, as follows :

"The Committee on Accounts beg leave respectfully to report, that they have carefully examined the Treasurer's account current with the Convention; that all the necessary vouchers have been exhibited to, and examined by them, and are found to agree with the entries made; that all the additions are correct; and that the amount of twelve hundred and thirty-three dollars and seventy-two cents, as set forth in the account current, is the exact balance due by the Treasurer.

The Committee beg leave further to report, that they are informed by the Treasurer, that there is due by the Convention to the Bank of the State thirty-seven hundred and fifty



dollars ; which debt is secured by fifty shares of State Bank stock owned by the Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. P. LACOSTE, *Chairman.*"

14. A motion for an expression of the opinion of the Convention as to the body properly authorized to hypothecate the stock referred to in the Report of the Committee on Accounts, was amended by referring the matter to the Committee on Accounts.

16. The Report of the Committee on selecting a Board of Agents was read, and adopted, as follows :

"The Committee to nominate a Board of Agents beg leave to present the following names—Rev. J. C. Furman, Rev. Dr. Johnson, Rev. J. R. Kendrick, Rev. R. Furman, Rev. J. J. Brantly, C. J. Elford, T. B. Roberts, Rev. J. G. Landrum, John Scott

JAMES P. BOYCE, *Chairman.*"

16. The Report of the Board of Agents of last year was then read, and concurred in, as follows :

"On receiving the melancholy intelligence of the death of Dr. Mendenhall, late Treasurer of the Convention, I immediately addressed an official communication to each member of the Board of Agents, apprising them of the melancholy event. I proposed our brother Thos. B. Roberts as his successor. In answer to this communication, I received an unanimous approval of the appointment of brother Roberts ; and having given his bond, with security, as required, he entered on the duties of his office in September last.

WM. B. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*"

17. The Committee on time and place of next Meeting of this Convention, and persons to perform the stated services, submitted their report, as follows :

"The Convention to meet at this place on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1854. Rev. R. Furman to preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. R. W. Fuller alternate ; Rev. J. R. Kendrick to preach the Charity Sermon, Rev. Wm. Curtis alternate."

This report was concurred in as to the place of meeting and persons to perform the stated services, and a committee was appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees, and

arrange with them the time for the next meeting of the Convention.

18. A communication was received from J. Culpeper, reporting his inability to attend the meeting of the Convention; and also the accidental loss of a portion of the bonds received by him, and also his cash book as Agent.

19. It was *resolved*, that this Convention propose to the Board of Trustees the propriety of appointing a joint Committee to make a full settlement of the late Treasurer's account: and if agreed to, for the Board to appoint one, this Convention one, and these two to select a third person, who shall constitute the Committee; and also that this Committee make a full settlement with the former Agent, bro. Culpeper.

20. Dr. Johnson presented to the Convention two bound volumes, and several loose pamphlets, containing a complete file of the Minutes of this Convention to the present time; for which valuable donation a vote of thanks was passed.

21. Leave of absence was granted to Rev. A. Rice and Dr. R. C. Griffin.

Convention then adjourned to 5 o'clock this afternoon.

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON, 5 O'CLOCK.

22. Convention met. The joint Committee of the Convention and Board of Trustees appointed to arrange the time for the next meeting of the Convention, reported that they had agreed upon Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in July, 1854. Report concurred in.

23. Rev. Messrs. Buist and Wells, of the Presbyterian Church, were invited to take seats in the Convention.

24. The Report of the Committee on enlarged operations was then read, and after much discussion, a motion was adopted to lay the report on the table, and to print 100 copies for the use of the Convention.

25. The Report of the Committee on forming a List of the names of Baptist Ministers in this State, and their Post Offices, was then submitted, and recommitted for improvement.

26. The following resolution was then offered by Col. Townes, and adopted unanimously.

*Resolved*, That this Convention approve the proceedings of the Southern Baptist Biennial Convention at its late meeting in Baltimore, in relation to the protection of American citizens in the enjoyment of religious liberty and the rights of conscience, whilst residing in foreign countries.

The Convention then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.  
Prayer by bro. Watkins.

TUESDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

27. Prayer by bro. Corley. The Report of Committee on enlarged operations was then called up, and after much discussion, was amended and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT.

"The Convention has obtained a charter for an University, which is in successful operation. By this arrangement, one of the grand designs sought to be accomplished by the organization of the Convention is matured into an agency of elevated character, placed under the charge of a Board of Trustees elected at the end of every fourth year. The Convention is thus more at liberty, to direct its attention to the other objects contemplated in the wide range of benevolent effort, for which the body was formed.

To direct the attention of this body to these objects, and to secure the most desirable results, we recommend that the Convention become a more thoroughly missionary body; that it be the organ for receiving and transmitting to their proper destination, the funds which may be contributed to its treasury by Associations and primary bodies; that it take charge of missionary operations in this State, so far as circumstances may require; and that in the case of such Associations as now have missionary operations within their bounds in successful progress, reports of their doings be requested to be made to the Convention—which reports shall be published in the minutes of the Mission Board of the Convention; that it extend its fostering care to the Bible cause; to the cause of Publication; to Female as well as Male education; and to the promotion and extension of the Sunday School system.

To this end, we propose that it be recommended to the State Education and Bible Societies to dissolve, that they may be merged in the Convention; and that Boards be constituted to manage respectively Missionary, Bible, Education, Publication, and Sunday School interests.

Inasmuch, however, as the transmission of the funds from this body instead of from the Associations and other constituent bodies, would deprive them of their representation in the Southern Baptist Convention: this Convention, to secure that representation, would request of the Associations to appoint the number to which their funds would entitle them; that appointment being recognized in that act as that of the



Convention ; and that the Convention appoint in addition only those to whom it may be entitled because of other funds in its hands, or from neglect of the Associations to appoint.

Should these recommendations obtain, it is proposed that in Article II. of the Constitution, after the words "designed for the Gospel ministry," the following clause be inserted : "the spread of the Gospel by Foreign, Domestic, and State missionary operations ; by the circulation of the sacred Scriptures ; and by such means as may be devised from time to time for the promotion of the interests of Education, Publication, and the Sunday School system."

That Article V. of the Constitution be amended thus : The support of an Institution of Learning in this State shall be considered as a primary object. One of the designs of this Institution is to assist those who, in the judgment of their Churches, are called of God to preach the Gospel, that they may study to show themselves workmen approved unto God ; that need not to be ashamed ; rightly dividing the word of truth. Those of this character who need pecuniary aid, may receive it at the discretion of the Convention from funds appropriated to this object. The government of this Institution shall be committed to a Board of Trustees, to be elected by the Convention at the end of every fourth year.

W. B. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*"

28. The last clause of the unamended Report, proposing to regulate the mode of voting in the Convention by modifying Article VII. of the Constitution, was, on motion, referred to the President of the Convention, with the request that he prepare a scheme for the regulation of this matter.

29. The Report of the Committee on notice of deceased Ministers was read, and adopted, as follows :

"Your Committee, who were desired to prepare some memorial of our beloved brethren in the ministry who have died since we last met, call your attention to the decease of our brother Rev. DANIEL MANGUM, of the Church at Bush River. With this worthy fellow-laborer, and the people of his charge, your ministers and the brethren of the Convention sat in convention last year.

He had been the Pastor of the Church during the last 25 years ; was a brother of sedate mind, well considered principles, and unimpeachable character ; whose labors had been much blessed in that neighborhood. He found the Church a small body, and left it large and flourishing.

We have also to notice the decease of our brother Rev. W. HOLMES, of the Charleston Association. He, like our bro. Mangum, came to his grave in a good old age, and as a shock of corn fully ripe. Called into the ministry late in life, he possessed few of the advantages of a cultivated mind; but he was an honest, straight-forward, and devoted servant of Christ of excellent character; and one who bore, with exemplary patience, the sufferings of a long sickness.

T. CURTIS, *Chairman.*"

30. On motion, a special Committee, consisting of J. G. Landrum, T. P. Brockman, Prof. Edwards, was appointed to take into consideration the subject of Female Education as a denominational interest, and to report at the next meeting a plan for the action of the Convention.

31. A Committee was appointed to nominate the several Boards established by the Convention, in accordance with the plan of enlarged operations.

32. *Resolved*, That this Convention request from the Board of Trustees of Furman University a written statement of their transactions, and of the state of the University, to be furnished at each stated meeting of the Convention, to be printed with the minutes of the same, if thought advisable.

Adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 5 O'CLOCK.

Convention met.

33. The President submitted a plan for the regulation of votes in the Convention—in accordance with a resolution of this morning—which was adopted without amendment, as follows:

"In the election of the Board of Trustees of Furman University, the vote shall be cast only by the representatives of the larger bodies, viz., Associations—which enter into the constituency of the Convention.

The extent of this right on the part of each Association, shall be measured by the amount it may have contributed to the vested funds of the Convention, whether this contribution shall have been made directly by an act of its own, or indirectly by the donation of Churches, or of individuals within its limits; and the contribution of each sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, shall give the contributing body the right to cast ONE vote."

34. *Resolved*, That all Agents, or other persons, who have



received from the Convention any bond or bonds which were given for the benefit of the Furman Theological Institution, or the Furman University, be instructed to deliver the same, and all amounts collected thereon, to the Board of Trustees of the Furman University, or their Treasurer, Executive Committee, or authorized Agent.

35. Jas. Tupper, Esq. of Charleston, was elected Treasurer of the Convention.

36. The amended Report of the Committee on preparing a list of Baptist Ministers in the State, was adopted. The report is appended to these Minutes.

37. Report of the Committee to nominate Boards adopted, as follows:

1. *Missionary Board*, to be located at *Columbia*. J. P. Lyles, President; J. P. Boyce, Secretary; Dr. S. Blanding, Treasurer; L. C. Hinton, J. Scott, A. H. Fort, J. K. Mendenhall, Managers.

2. *Publication Board*, to be located at *Robertville*. A. J. Lawton, President; B. F. Buckner, Secretary; T. B. Willingham, Treasurer; B. R. Bostick, J. C. M. Breaker, R. J. Davant, W. A. Lawton, Managers.

3. *Sunday School Board*, to be located at *Greenville*. P. C. Edwards, President; C. J. Elford, Secretary; C. B. Roberts, Treasurer; J. G. Landrum, Thos. J. Earle, J. W. Long, G. F. Townes, Managers.

4. *Education Board*, to be located at *Society Hill*. A. Sparks, President; R. Furman, Secretary; Dr. Pressley, Treasurer; R. G. Edwards, T. P. Lide, J. O. B. Dargan, J. W. Burns, Managers.

5. *Bible Board*, to be located at *Newberry*. J. B. O'Neill, President; J. J. Brantly, Secretary; Drayton Nance, Treasurer; Dr. W. H. Harrington, G. T. Scott, B. F. Griffin, Dr. John Gary, Managers.

38. A vote of thanks was passed for the christian hospitality extended by the citizens of Greenville to the members of this Convention; and also to the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, for the use of their houses of worship.

39. Agreed to request the Board of Trustees to furnish an abstract of their proceedings, or such part as they may think proper, to be published with the Minutes of this Convention.

40. Ordered that 2,000 copies of the Minutes be printed, and that in distributing them, 500 be reserved for the use of the Convention; and of the remaining 1,500, one be sent to

each of the subscribers to the Southern Baptist ; and that the printing and distribution be committed to the Secretary.

41. The President of the Convention was requested to prepare an address to the different Associations and Boards, in reference to the plan of enlarged operations adopted by the Convention.

42. The Treasurer was instructed to pay \$8 for printing the Report of the Committee on enlarged operations.

After prayer by Dr. Johnson, the Convention adjourned.

J. C. FURMAN, *President.*

J. J. BRANTLY, *Secretary.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*T. B. Roberts, Treasurer, in account with State Convention of Baptist Denomination in South Carolina.*

1853.	DR.	
Feb.	To cash received on State Bank Stock, hypothecated,	\$ 5,000 00
March 12,	“ on dividends in State Bank to 1st Jan. -	248 00
	“ on C. Stacey's bond, - - -	24 50
	“ on J. M. Taylor's bond, - - -	7 00
	“ on J. T. Jeter's bond, - - -	14 00
23,	To interest on J. S. Mims' note, - - -	22 40
April	“ of J. C. Furman on three bonds, - - -	115 86
May	To cash on dividend in R. R. Bank to 1st Jan. -	42 50
	“ “ in Columbia Bridge Company, -	78 25
	To interest on W. B. Johnson's bond, - - -	35 00
	“ on A. J. Lawton's bond, - - -	35 00
	To subscription from Savannah River Association for support of Professors, - - -	184 06
	To subscription of Savannah River Association for Convention Minutes, - - -	7 75
June 20,	To Rev. T. Mims' interest on bond, - - -	10 78
23,	To subscrip'n. from Tyger River Association for For. Missions,	145 07
		<u>\$5,970 17</u>

1853.	CR.	
Feb'y.	By cash paid interest on note discounted in State Bank,	\$ 52 50
April 9,	“ 25 per cent. on \$5,000 to State Bank,	1,250 00
	“ interest on renewal note, - - -	39 38
	“ Prof. Mims' salary for last year, - - -	575 00
	“ Prof. Mims for house rent, - - -	200 00
	“ Prof. P. C. Edwards' salary for last year,	530 00
	“ “ house rent “ - - -	200 00
	“ Prof. J. C. Furman for house rent, - - -	200 00
	“ Prof. J. C. Furman's salary for last year, - - -	700 00
	“ Prof. P. C. Edwards' salary for 1st quarter 1853,	250 00
	“ Prof. J. C. Furman's “ “ - - -	250 00
	“ Prof. J. S. Mims' “ “ - - -	250 00
	“ interest on renewal note due Aug. 11th, - - -	39 37
	“ P. C. Edwards, by Dr. Johnson's order, for house rent for the year 1851, - - -	200 00
	By cash on hand, - - -	1,233 92
		<u>\$ 5,970 17</u>

# ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FURMAN UNIVERSITY.

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GREENVILLE, JUNE 24, 1853.

The Board met—prayer by bro. Landrum.

Elected brethren J. P. Boyce and J. W. Brookes members of the Board, to supply the vacancies occasioned by the death of Dr. Mendenhall, and the removal of bro. Hopkins to another State.

Brethren Johnson and Elford were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable testimonial with regard to the life and services of Dr. Mendenhall.

The Faculty submitted their report; and in accordance with its suggestion, a change was made in the arrangement of Examinations, so as to let those which now take place in the middle of the year occur at its close—providing, however, for the examination of the Graduating Class to take place just before the Commencement.

Appointed the following Committee to look out for a Professor of Experimental Philosophy, to report at the next stated meeting of the Board, viz.: Dr. Curtis, C. J. Elford, J. P. Boyce.

Bro. T. Adams having tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, his resignation was accepted, and the vacancy supplied by the election of bro. H. J. Dean.

Dr. Paslay submitted his report as Agent.

Dr. Johnson having declined a re-election to the Presidency of the Board, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—"Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Johnson has declined a re-election to the office of President of this Board, which he has so long and so acceptably filled—Resolved, that the members of the Board express their high sense of the valuable services of their venerated President, and of the gratitude due to him by the denomination at large, for the labors of a long and faithful public life."

Elected the following officers—I. L. Brooks, President; J. R. Kendrick and T. Curtis, Vice Presidents; C. J. Elford, Treasurer; R. Furman, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Rule No. 4 of the Constitution of the Board was so amended, as to authorize the Chairman of the Executive Committee to draw such funds from the Treasury as may be necessary, in carrying out the work assigned to him by the Board.

Professor Judson reported that he had purchased the Apparatus ordered by the Board, and at a less cost than the amount appropriated to that object.

#### SATURDAY MORNING.

The Board met—prayer by Dr. Johnson.

Passed a vote of thanks to Dr. Curtis for the Commencement Sermon, delivered on Thursday evening, and requested a copy of the same for publication.

Dr. Johnson, Chairman of the Examining Committee, made a very favorable report touching the exercises of the Examination.

#### MONDAY MORNING.

The Board met. Dr. Johnson, from the Committee to prepare a notice in regard to Dr. Mendenhall, submitted the following, which was adopted:

“When a good man, who has filled official stations with integrity and usefulness, dies, it is becoming and right that honorable mention be made of his name and his deeds. Such a man was the beloved MENDENHALL, late a member of this body. In the character of our departed brother were happily united the lovely Christian gentleman, and the active man of business. Under the influence of a zealous spirit, a warm heart, and an enlightened mind, he was ever ready to engage in deeds of righteousness and labors of love for the cause of his Redeeming Lord. Ardently desiring the most enlarged usefulness for our cherished Institution of Learning, he watched over its interests with deep parental solicitude; and when he arose to speak, gentle in manner, and judicious in counsel, he was heard with attention and pleasure. As a member of *all* our religious organizations, and an officer of *many*, his efficient labors were always justly appreciated. To lose such a man is no ordinary calamity.



"For the welfare of the University, human wisdom would have stayed the messenger that called our brother up higher, and have said, oh spare him a little longer! But his work was done. Desirable as was his longer abode in the flesh, which seemed to be more needful for us, for him it was time to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

"Thankful to God for giving us such a man, it becomes us to bow with filial and reverential submission, under this painful visitation, to the will of Him who giveth no account of his matters, and whose prerogative it is to prepare and polish an instrument of exquisite fitness for his service, and then to lay it aside without loss.

"*Resolved, therefore, 1st*, That this Board regards the removal of Dr. Mendenhall, late an efficient member of the body, from his labors on earth, as a sore privation.

"*2d*, That while we mourn, with unaffected grief, the loss of such a man, we bow in humble submission to the stroke inflicted by a Father's hand, who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.

"*3d*, That we affectionately and sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family of our departed brother, and offer them our true and unfeigned condolence.

"*4th*, That the President of the Board be requested to transmit to the family of the dear departed a copy of these resolutions."

The Report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted, and a vote of thanks passed for their voluntary and efficient services.

Appropriated \$100 to the purchase of books.

"*Resolved*, That the resolution in relation to the Chancellor, adopted at the last annual meeting of the Board, be rescinded; and that, in lieu of the provisions thereof, a President of the Furman University be elected, who shall act as Chairman of the Faculty, and as President of the Board of Trustees, and who shall be charged with the duties usually devolving upon Presidents in similar Institutions."

#### TUESDAY MORNING.

The Board met—prayer by bro. Nichols.

Elected the Rev. Dr. Manly, of Alabama, President of Furman University.

Appointed bro. Boyce to constitute, in connection with a brother from the Convention, a Committee to enquire into all the fiscal affairs of the University.

Dr. Johnson having tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, his resignation was accepted, and bro. A. P. Lacoste appointed to fill the vacancy thus occasioned.

Elected the Rev. T. F. Curtis, of Alabama, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Ancient Languages.

*“Resolved,* That the rates of tuition for students who are pursuing the primary English course in the academical department, shall be reduced to \$20; and for those who are pursuing the higher English course to \$30; this reduction to take effect from the beginning of the next session, in February, 1854.”

*“Resolved,* That the Faculty elect a Principal of the Academical Department, at a salary of \$600; and also an Associate, if necessary, at \$400; to take effect from the beginning of the next session, in February, 1854.”

Passed a vote of thanks to bro. T. B. Roberts, late Treasurer, for his services.

Appointed the Rev. S. Furman to preach the Commencement Sermon next year.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to attend the next Examination—I. L. Brooks, J. R. Kendrick, H. J. Dean, J. B. O’Neill, B. C. Pressley.

Appointed brethren J. T. Coleman, A. P. Lacoste, and H. J. Dean, the Executive Committee.

*“Resolved,* That the Board regard with pleasure the successful operations of bro. H. W. Paslay as its travelling Agent, since the time of his appointment, and that he be requested to continue in the discharge of the duties of his agency during the ensuing year.”

Passed a vote of thanks to bro. C. Entzminger, for his liberal donation of \$3,000 to the Furman University.

*“Resolved,* That the price of perpetual scholarships be reduced to \$600; and of those for life and twenty-five years after to \$500.”

*Resolved* to relieve the brethren who had assumed the responsibility in the additional purchase of land that was made for the University.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Board met—Prayer by Dr. Johnson.

Appointed Judge O’Neill a Committee of one to confer with brother A. H. Fort, in reference to the difficulties connected with the payment of his bond.

Adjourned to meet at Greenville, on Friday before the 4th Lord’s day in July, 1854.

R. FURMAN, *Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

*On preparing a List of the Names of Baptist Ministers in South Carolina, and their Post Offices.*

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Adair, John (*L)	West Union	Cohen, A D	Charleston
Adams, T	Gadsden	Cohen, L M	Georgetown
Allen, Joel	Marion C H	Coleman, J D	Pleasant View
Ashley, W	Craytonville	Collins, E	West Union
Acker, A	Calhoun	Copeland, J T	Flat Rock
Ayres, Wm	Marion C H	Corley, B F	Ninety Six
		Courtney, J	Aiken
Babb, R. S	Simpson's Mill	Crane, W	Milford
Ballard, W L	Greenville	Culpeper, J	Society Hill
Barnett, M C	Spartanburg C H	Cuthbert, J H	Charleston
Bartlett, H T (L)	Winterseat	Curtis, Thos D D	Limestone Springs
Barton, H M	Fairplay	Curtis, Wm	" "
Bateman, I I	Society Hill		
Baxley, Wm C	Barnwell C H	Dargan, J O B	Darlington
Bealer, G B	Darlington C H	Davis C (L)	Pagesville
Beattie, W Q	Bennettsville	Davis, J	Monticello
Beck, W	Darlington	Dawson, Thos	Blackville
Bell, G	Lott's	Dean, C P	Calhoun
Bell, Joel	Midway	Dean, Jesse	Greenville
Beverley, W D	Marion C H	Dill, A	Earlesville
Blackman, W	Hickory Head	Dozier, A S	Mount Willing
Bodie, D	Cold Spring	Drummond, S	Woodruff's
Boyce, Jas P	Columbia	Drummond, W	"
Boyd, W B	Simpson's Mill	Duncan, H A	Erwinton
Bradford, R	Silverton	Duncan, H D	Barnwell
Brantly, J J	Newberry C H	Durham, A K (L)	Greenville
Brasington, W F	Dry Creek	Durham, E (")	"
Breaker, C M	Charleston		
Breaker, D M	Monks' Corner	Earle, T J	Pendleton
Breaker, J M C	Grahamville	Edwards, Prof P C,	Greenville
Brooker, John	Blackville	Edwards, R J	Bull Swamp
Brooker, W	Bull Swamp	Ezell, J	Limestone Springs
Brooks, G W	Glymphville		
Brooks, I L	Hamburg	Fail, N	Hickory Head
Brown, L M	Speedwell	Fant, A	Anderson C H
Brunson, D D	Dunton's	Fant, E	Chesterville
Burn, J W	Cheraw	Fant, James	Buckhead Causeway
Burress, B	Anderson C H	Felan, C	Cookham
Burress, J	" "	Fenley, L	West Union
		Ferguson, Benjamin,	Walterboro'
Campbell, T J	Limestone Springs	Fort, A H	Lexington C H
Carr, B M	Barnwell C H	Fox, William	Walterboro'
Carson, W B (L)	Columbia	Frean, Thomas	Columbia
Chambers, P	Horse Shoe	Fuller, R W	Beaufort
Chapman, J	Pickens C H	Furman, Prof Jas C,	Greenville
Chastain, B E		Furman, R	Society Hill
Childers, W W	Phoenix	Furman, Samuel	Statesburg
Chiles, J M	Winterseat	Furse, J J	Lawtonville
Chovin, C E	Robertville		

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Gaics, N	Line Creek
Gambrell, J M (L)	Calhoun
Garrison, J E (")	Spring Hill
Getzen, T P	Collins
Gibson, Samuel	Milford
Gilbert, J	Fountain Inn
Goss, J H	
Graham, N	Sumterville
Green, J C	Pleasant Grove
Grimes, G C	Laurens C H
Grimes, James	Storeville
Gwinn, W W	Youngsville
Hammond, P T	Pleasant Hill
Hayes, D	Hickory Head
Hicks, E	Lynch's Creek
Higgins, J B	Columbia
Higgins, W	"
Hill, J A	McMakin's
Hill, J W	St. George
Hill, W P	Greenwood
Hinton, L C	Chesterville
Hinton, James	"
Hitt, W	Spring Grove
Holland, E D (L)	West Union
Holmes, William	Plowden's Mills
Hoover, Jno M	Buford's Bridge
Horn, A	Lott's
Huffman, J C	St. Mathew's
Hunnicut, J R	Pickens C H
Hyatt, W B (L)	
Isbell, Samuel	Fairplay
Jeter, F C	Beaver Dam
Jeter, J T	"
Johuson, J	Buck Branch
Johuson, J K	Lott's
Johnson, W jr	"
Johnson, W B, D D	Anderson C H
Johnson, Wm S	Speedwell
Johnson, W R	Flat Rock
Johnson, A T	Mount Zion
Jones, J C	Rogersville
Jones, W T	Mt. Croghan
Kay, James	Due West Corner
Kendrick, J R	Charleston
Kendrick, J G	Pickensville
Kennedy, A L	Cairo
King, R	Calhoun
Knight S	Scuffletown
Knox, Drury	Bachelor's Retreat
Lagroon, J	Lott's
Landrum, J G	Fort Prince
Lankford, W	Gowansville

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Lanneau, C H	Aiken
Lawton, J A	Erwinton
Lawton, W A	Lawtonville
Leavell, J (L)	Anderson C H
Lecroy, H	Fruit Hill
Lee, T	Goldmine
Lindsay, E	Holland's
Littlejohn, F W	Hurricane Shoals
Long, J (L)	Mount Willing
Long, W B (L)	Greenville C H
Lynes, G	Monks' Corner
Lynes, Samuel	Charleston
McDowall, A	Flat Rock
McGriffin, A W	West Union
Mahoney, H W	Friendship
Martin, —	Marion
Martin, W P	Gentsville,
Mason, T	Camden
Masters, G W	Anderson C H
Matthis, J	Mollohon
Mauldin, B T	Calhoun
Mellichamp, T W	Beaufort
Mendenhall, J K	Camden
Mims, Prof J S	Greenville
Mixon, M	Mt. Elon
Morrall, A S (L)	Penfield, Geo
Morgan, S	Limestone Springs
Morris, J	Darlington,
Morris, T	Hamburg
Morton, W W	
Motes, J	Mountville
Murray, J S	Anderson
Nance, J C [L]	Wellsville
Napier, R	Mars Bluff
Newland, J	Carmel Hill
Nicholes, Isaac	Lawtonville
Nix, J N	Steep Bottom
Norman, J L	✕ Keys
Norris, A P	Edgefield C H
Odom, J	Brightsville
Owen, J	Pickens C H
Owens, W C	Yorkville
Owings, M C	Logansville
Parrot, James	Pleasant View
Pasly, H W	Greenville
Pearce, T J	Greenwood
Patterson, J F	Richar:son
Philips, J	Pleasant View
Pinson, J W	Mountville
Porter, C M	Ridgewood
Powell, J	Greenville
Powell, S	
Purslay, T K	Limestone Springs.

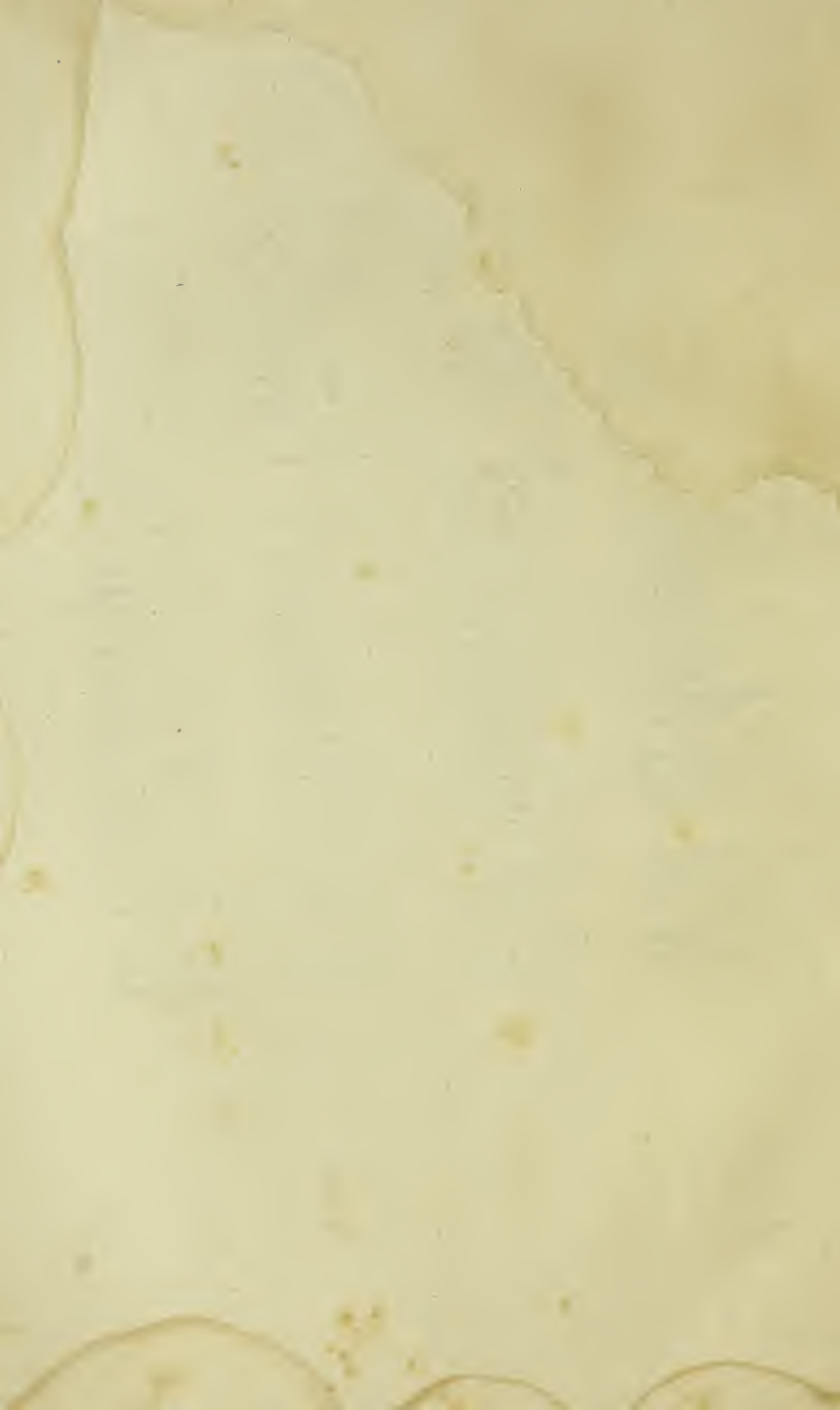


NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Ray, J J	Blackville
Ray, Thomas	✕ Keys
Baymond, C A	Edgefield C H
Reynolds, J L D D	Columbia
Rice, A	Storeville
Richards, Wm	Bluffton
Robert, L J	Rennfield
Robert, J T	Robertville
Robertson, T	Scuffletown
Rogers, J E [L]	Camden
Rogers, A N	"
Rollings, G	Pleasant View
Rollings, L P	" "
Roper, T L	
Ross, John	Columbia
Sams, M W	Erwinton
Sanders W T	Barnwell
Scruggs, D	Cowpens
Senter, J	Hodges
Shadrack, J S	Winterseat
Sharp, M J	Columbia
Sheppard, D	Charleston
Shurley, J R [L]	Winnsboro'
Sightler, S A	Columbia
Simmons, D	Townville
Spruell, S [L]	Simpson Mills
Springer, J M [L]	Greenville
Stacey, C	Jordan's Mills
Stevens, H J	Robertville
Strickling, M N	Walkersville
Suares, M R	Barnwell C H
Sullivan, N	West Union
Swearingen, B M	Edgefield
Sweat, J T	Steeple Bottom
Thomas, J W	Bennettsville
Timmons, E B	Effingham

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Timmons, J M	"
Trapp, John	Phoenix
Turner, R	Spartanburg
Tyler, J	Graham's
Vandiver, H	Silver Glade
Vann, R R	Winnsboro'
Vaughn, J C	Cross Roads
Vaughn, K	Calhoun
Vernon, J T W	Rogersville
Walker, George	Walker's
Walker, N W	"
Walker, R	Hamburg
Wallace, W	Brightville
Watkins, W	Jordan's Mills
Watkins, Z	Coleman's ✕ Roads
West, John	Whitstown,
Whateley, E L [L]	Birch Island
Whilden, B W	China, [Shanghae]
Whilden, R F [L]	Longtown
Wilbanks, S	Silver Glade
Wilkins, S B	Darlington
Williams, A	Due West Corner
Wilson, J	Silver Glade
Wilson, J J	" "
Winkler, E T	Charleston
Wood, Henry	Mush Creek
Woodruff, J	Woodruff's
Woodruff, R	"
Youmans, J N	Gillisonville
Young, T	Abbeville
Young, V	Mount Hill
Zealy, Jno T	Cheraw
Zeigler, L G	Bull Swamp









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